

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-70 stand rejected. Claims 1-24 and 38-70 are canceled herein.

Pending claims 25-37 stand rejected as obvious over in US 6,223,143 to Weinstock et al. in view of US 2005/0060213 to Lavu et al.

**Discussion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art fails to teach or suggest the limitations as recited in independent claim 25. Weinstock et al. discloses a Quantitative Risk Assessment system (QRAS) and Lavu et al. discloses a management system. Neither document teaches or suggests a risk assessment system as disclosed and claimed in the present Application. For example, the cited art does not teach or suggest generating a drillstring design as recited in claim 25 or determining the risk information related to the drillstring design as recited in claim 25.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

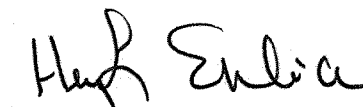
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